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Dear Shelton Parents and Staff,

As part of our ongoing commitment to campus health and safety, we have been closely monitoring the current coronavirus outbreak in conjunction with the Dallas County Department of Health and Human Services.

As you may know, the 2019 novel coronavirus emerged from the city of Wuhan in the Hubei province of China last month. This virus, thought to have been initially transmitted to humans from animals, is now being spread from person to person through the air when an infected person coughs or sneezes, in much the same way the flu and other respiratory viruses are spread. Symptoms are thought to appear within 2 to 14 days after exposure and consist of fever, cough, and difficulty breathing.

At this time, people considered at risk for contracting the virus are those who have traveled to Wuhan, China, or those who have been in close contact with infected individuals. A limited number of cases have been confirmed in the United States to date, while there are many additional cases being monitored. At this point, no cases have been confirmed in Texas, and health officials have reported that the immediate risk to our population is low.

As you likely know, there continues to be intensive, ongoing investigations to learn more about the virus, such as the source of infection, populations at risk, and manifestation of symptoms, and this information is changing rapidly as the outbreak continues to evolve. We will remain in close contact with local health officials and provide updates to our community as needed. For more information on the coronavirus and the flu, I recommend the following resources:

- [Dallas County Health and Human Services](#)
- [Texas Department of State health services](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
- [World Health Organization](#)

In the meantime, public health officials note that the flu and other common respiratory illnesses are circulating in our area, and they recommend the following basic prevention guidelines:

- Individuals 6 months and older are encouraged to get a flu shot.
- Wash your hands with soap and water or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze.
- Stay home when you are sick, and keep sick children at home. Keeping a sick child at home prevents the spread of illness in the school community and allows the child an opportunity to rest and recover.

Thank you for your continuing commitment to the safety and well-being of individuals across our community.
If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

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